

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 23, 1998

Mr. Vigo G. Nielsen, Esquire Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrinello, Mueller & Naylor, LLP 591 Redwood Highway, #4000 Mill Valley, CA 94941

RE: MUR 4816

Ken Calvert for Congress Varis C. Smith, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Nielsen:

This is in response to Mr. John A. Ramirez's letter dated October 16, 1998, which we received on that day, requesting a 20 day extension to respond to the complaint filed in the above-noted matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of the General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on November 12, 1998.

If you have any questions, please contact me on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Alva E. Smith, Paralegal Central Enforcement Docket

cc: John A. Ramirez, Esquire